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PROGRAMS

The club program committee, Nelson Trusler, has really presented us with a full Calendar this month and if we are to continue to get this full card of good subjects, it is up to us to show that we appreciate them, by showing up for them. Bob Annis has been helping Nelson this month in securing programs so we are indebted to him for Mr. Overly's program from the Better Business Bureau. Thanks a lot Bob and keep it up - we know Nelson appreciates the help. (Pres. please note)

April 3rd - Pete Jennings, W9RYF, will tell about wired wireless. Pete has been working with WW for years with the Public Service Company so he will really be able to give us the dope. Several of the fellows as noted later in this issue are working with WW so after this meeting there will probably be quite a few more "on the wires".

April 10th - On this evening we are to hear Mr. R. F. Borkenstein, Chief Laboratory Technician of the Indiana State Police, who will tell about the Scientific Detection of Crime. Mr. Borkenstein will tell of the very modern methods of crime detection dealing with the chemical, electrical and microscopic means of proof. We know you will enjoy this program. Bring a guest.

April 17th - Mr. Toner Overly of the Better Business Bureau will tell and show the methods of the unscrupulous who make us of the word "Radio" to cover all the underhand methods of taking money from people seeking a cure of human ailments. His program will show up the means that some operators of so called "Radio Healing Clinics" use in extracting money from patients for "Cures". Some of these cures, as Mr. Overly will show, are effected by "Radio", the radio in this case consisting of a lot of colored flashing bulbs all done up in a nice shiny box with as many knobs as an old time battery super. Bring a guest.

April 24th - Amateur Telescope Construction will be the topic of Curtis, W9EMR, Springer. Curt has made his own apparatus for the observation of astronomical displays and he will let us in on the ground floor of this interesting work. From the interest that has been shown in the past programs of this nature, we feel sure that there are going to be several new amateur astrologists after hearing EMR. Bring a guest.

The programs just listed are certainly deserving of your attendance for the next month and we are sure that there will be just as many more good ones in the future.

Members of the code class are invited to attend any of the meetings of the club and get acquainted with the fellows. If they enjoy the association with them, they are welcome to make application for membership into the club.

If you have any suggestion or have a program you would like to present or know one that would be of interest to the club, you are urged to see Nelson Trusler and he will make the arrangements.

CODE CLASS

Charles Campbell, W9ULM, the instructor of our present code class reports that about fifty people, including seven women, have registered in the class. This latest group are really interrest to learn the code and pick up the fundamentals of radio. Your help in presenting the fundamentals following the outline using the ARRL defense edition handbook is wanted by Campbell. If you can prepare a lesson for presentation (we say if but we know you can) you are asked to let him know so that he may get the outline of programs geared to the schedule so that the subjects may be assigned to the proper person.

INITIATION AND NEW MEMBERS

Lee Barker and Fred Sawyer were voted into the club the past month and they were initiated into the club together with the following six: James Lovell, Winfred Clark, Wilbur Keaton, Ora Dillard, Martin Osborne and Roland Prätt. The above fellows were given the grand welcome into the club and presented with their certificates the night of March 27th at a closed meeting. Following the initiation, eats were served during which 103 weiners were served together with 4 gallons of coffee. To these new members we give our congratulations and as in the past we say that we need your help in operating our club. Get in and pitch.

RAMELING

Last month we asked for the whereabouts of Lon Webb and come initiation night he showed up long enough to say that he was in the East and had jobs in aircraft plants for any of the gang that wanted to go. (See Bulletin Board).

Averell Brown is now Private Averell Brown, Co. A, AFRTC, Camp Knox, Ky. Brown, W9JRK, left Fort Harrison last month and in his new quarters we know he would be glad to hear from those back home. For your information the AFRTC in the above address means - Armored Force Replacement Training Corp. It is faster to write the alphabetical abbreviation than to write it out.

Then we are called to imagine Bert Bucy starving to death and of all places in a balloon. What matter Bert, Forget your roller skates?

Then again Bert - and we quote "in 1936 Bert slept in a hen house with the chicks" unquote - but that was after prohibition.

Fellows have been playing with Wired Wireless in town as we hear Winfred, W9JIY, Clark, and Lovell, W9DAG, have made contacts. Also operating or building for this type of radio we have reports of Fritz, W9VPN, Manning, Nelson, W9FOS, Trusler (soldering iron Trusler) and Wallie, W9AUN, Keaton. How about a complete report when we hear from Pete Jennings on the 3rd?

In view of the situation facing the club in the form of members entering the armed forces or getting jobs away from the city, the directors have asked for a monthly report of the finances of the club in order that ways may be taken before the treasury is depleted. Your suggestions in this respect are earnestly requested.

Various suggestions are being considered, including the year around operation of the code class, both for it's financial support and the service it renders to the country at the present time. Your immediate support lies in seeing to it that your dues are paid up. As both QST and our directors have repeated again and again our future amateur radio privileges will to a large extent, be dependent on how well we stay organized. By supporting the club and QST and helping with the problems as they arise, you will be assured of being on the air again after the war is over.

Buy Defense Bonds. Buy War Bonds. For it is now WAR.

After two years in the harness, Don, W9JYP, Davis, is trying to take a vacation. Well, that old married man, isn't that what he used to say? Anyway, Don is reported to be considering a job at RCA or a drafting job in Texas. RCA is a lot closer Don.

Then talking of changing jobs reminds the editor that he has begun to feel the same as Nelson Trusler. The ed. has been reporting that he was writing his last issue of Amateur and then he finds himself writing another. (Printers Note: Bob just received notice to report for induction on April 13th.) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXX~~ In this respect he has closed his shop and is now working for the R. B. Annis Co. Now however, it will probably come to pass. This looks as if it will be the last issue for a time at least, that he will attempt to put on paper. It is written with the hope that it has been of benefit to the club and perhaps of cheer to those receiving it in camp. For his part he wants to receive his copy as long as it continues to be printed.

Newspaper reading gives the ed. some cheer in the last week in respect that we may not make the mistake of France in assuming that wages and working hours kept as in peace times will win the war.

Leaders or Congress have put on the heat to the extent that now in time of war we may lend our full effort to making materials of war that those in the armed forces may have something to make war with. Restrictions on more and more items of everyday use must of necessity lower our standard of living for the time, but just imagine what a standard it would be if we were to lose the war due to lack of material. With our efforts set full ahead and without interruptions due to class groups demanding privileges and with capable men at the head and free to do what is necessary to win, we WILL win. Then, and only then, should we take the time to debate or reason whether a free American should be forced to pay tribute to work for his livelihood. Then time can be taken to work out a system where men can organize for the mutual betterment of the worker and the employer without having what in many cases now is a racket with the leaders of the racket being the only ones who benefit. Then perhaps we can work out a better way of equality for agriculture than that of the present of paying for work not done. Who knows but that the agriculturist will come into his own in the future by being the source of manufacturing material instead of the mines, as in the past. These and many questions can keep human endeavor on its toes after we have won the war by our unrestricted efforts NOW.

DEFENSE WORK

Defense work has increased so much recently at R. B. ANNIS Co., 1101 North Delaware, that Mr. Annis (Ex W9CUD) is asking IRC members if you can scare up any extra help. The work consists of a mixture of machine and electrical work on making and assembling special instruments and equipment.

Work on lathe, drill press, shaper, layout, etc. and on coil winding, testing and assembly.

Steady work for 1 or 2 men, any age, who are energetic and have the necessary knowledge and skill.